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Mr. Dale Ross
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Bureau of Land Management
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Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Exploration Activities, Gama #1, #2 and #3 Project,
Washington County, Utah

Dear Mr. Ross:

Thank you for forwarding the Notice of Intention to Commence Exploration Activities for Margaret Erickson's, Gama #1, #2 and #3 exploration project, located in Section 24, T41S, R16W, Washington County, Utah. Your agency's designated project number is UTU-71738.

This letter is to inform you that the Division has evaluated the above mentioned BLM Notice of Intent for completeness. As proposed, the application only involves *non-mechanized* (i.e., pick and shovel) work. This level/type of mining-related activity does not meet the disturbance criteria which would allow us to categorize it as a Notice level activity. Therefore, we cannot presently process this application under our regulatory program rules.

Should the operator/claimant revise the notice to include more significant surface disturbing activities, especially those involving *mechanized equipment* (blasting, drilling, trenching, road building, etc.), then we will need to process the NOI and issue a State exploration permit.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you receive further information or amendments for this operation, please notify us so we will be able to update our files accordingly.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
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